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**1. Claims: 1-10**

2D-image pickup apparatus located inside a cabinet, one wall of which is deformable.

**2. Claims: 11-16**

2D-image pickup apparatus located inside a cabinet; there are shock-absorbing means between the detector and the cabinet.

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### CLAIMS INCURRING FEES

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